THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The production of the Company has shown an increasing trend after the present Managing Director had taken charge in February, 1988. From a level of Rs. 29.61 crores in 1987-88, production touched Rs. 40.81 crores during 1988-89 and has further improved to Rs. 43.48 crores (provisional) in 1989-90. Provisional net profit of 1989-90 is estimated as Rs. 71.85 lakhs.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Probe into an incident of Sexual Assault on a Female Employee of Air India

290. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned Airhostesses angry over AI inaction' which appeared in the Times of India of the 20th April, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that demonstrations were staged outside Air India building in April, 1990 to protest against sexual assault on a female employee by Air India staff;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry into the incident so as to punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A demonstration was staged outside Air-India building on 18th April, 1990.

(c) and (d) Ms. Safina Sethi, an Airhostess, had made a written complaint to Air India of an incident of misbehaviour by Shri Mahesh Lalla, Assistant Flight Purser at a hotel in Rome. She had complained that she was manhandled and Shri Lalla tried to rape her. A police complaint has also been registered by Ms. Sethi. The Air India Management have already initiated an inquiry into the incident.

Collection of Capitation Fees by Medical Colleges

291. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the medical colleges in the country which are collecting capitation fees; and

(b) what steps have been taken to curb this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) A list showing the names of medical colleges in the country which are collecting capitation fees, as per information made available by the Medical Council of India is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Some State Governments have already enacted laws prohibiting the collection of capitation fees. The Government of India have introduced a Bill to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 incorporating a provision to prohibit the charging of capitation fees or any amount in excess of the scales of fees prescribed by the Medical Council of India. Penalty provisions have also been made for contravention of the relevant sections, dealing with the prohibition of capitation fees.